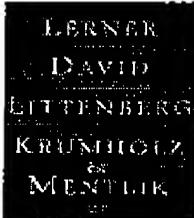


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For: NOVEL PEPTIDES AS NS3-SERINE
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Applicants petition the Director under 37 CFR 1.181(a)(3) to revive the above-identified patent application in view of the following facts:

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2. As shown by the File History, a copy of which is enclosed herein for reference, an Associate Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address Change was entered on October 9, 2003 (copy enclosed). The new correspondence address was changed to "Customer Number 00530", which corresponds to Lerner, David, Littenberg, Krumholz & Mentlik, LLP, 600 South Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

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3. On December 10, 2003, following correspondence of record and a brief telephone conversation between the undersigned and Examiner Audet, the undersigned received a telephone call from Examiner Audet in which the Examiner stated that a Notice of Allowance would issue shortly.

4. In the course of a routine status check on May 6, 2004 of the application via the PAIR system by support staff of the undersigned's firm, it was learned that a Notice of Allowance was mailed on December 18, 2003.

5. After a thorough review of the application file and other internal records and docket computer database of the firm, as well as a similar review of the records of Schering-Plough, it was determined that the Notice of Allowance had not been received.

6. On May 6, 2004, a call was placed to Examiner Audet regarding the above matter, and on May 7th the Examiner called the undersigned. At that time it was learned that:

A. The Associate Power of Attorney had been correctly entered on the records of the Office, but the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due had not been mailed to Customer Number 00530; and

B. The Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due had instead been mailed to an unrelated party, Ernest D. Buff, Esq. of Morristown, New Jersey. A copy of the cover page of that notice, provided on May 7, 2004 by facsimile by Examiner Audet, is attached hereto.

7. As it was impossible for Applicants to respond to the improperly mailed Notice, Applicants hereby petition the Examiner as follows:

A. to revive the subject application without the payment of a fee therefore;

B. to promptly issue a properly captioned and addressed Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due to the undersigned; and

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C. to make of record that Applicants are entitled to a credit for the time lost between the first date of mailing of said Notice, December 18, 2003, and the new mailing date under 7.B. above pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 154(b).

If for any reason the Petitions attorney does not believe that the Petition under 37 CFR 1.181(a)(3) can be granted, it is respectfully requested that he or she telephone Applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections that he or she might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with the Petition and response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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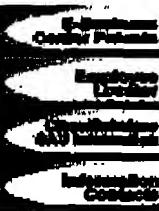
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